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# CALENDAR

Please pay attention to event reminders as these dates may change.

## Omaha Calendar

**Wednesday, October 10**  
Ambassador Elections and Movie  
Lecture Hall 070  
3:00 PM-5:30 PM

**Saturday, October 13**  
**(Only for students that sign up with their counselor)**  
Trick or Treat for Canned Goods  
Vikings Centers  
11:00 AM- 2:30 PM

**Saturday, October 13**  
**(Only for students that sign up with their counselor)**  
Lied Center Event: Ballet Folklorico de Mexico  
Lincoln Lied Center  
7:30 PM

**Tuesday, October 23**  
Senior Parent Meeting  
North High School  
6:00 PM

**Wednesday, November 7**  
**(Only for students that sign up with their counselor)**  
Lied Center Event: Compagnie de Danse: Jean-Rene Delsoin  
Lincoln Lied Center  
7:30 PM

**Wednesday, November 21**  
Kelley's Hilltop Lanes  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

## Grand Island Calendar

**Friday, October 12**  
**(ALL NCPA Students)**  
Tailgate/Football Game  
GISH VS North Platte at GISH  
6:00 PM- 7:00 PM- Tailgate  
7:00 PM- 9:30 PM- Football Game

**Saturday, October 13**  
**(ALL NCPA Students)**  
Canned Food Drive  
See letter for details.

**Wednesday, October 17**  
**(Seniors and Parents must attend)**  
Senior Parent Meeting  
Grand Island Senior High School  
Enter at Lafayette St Entrance  
6:00 PM- 7:15 PM

**Tuesday, November 6**  
**(9th and 10th Graders)**  
9th and 10th Grade Dinner  
Valentinos  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

**Tuesday, November 13**  
**(11th and 12th Graders)**  
11th and 12th Grade Dinner  
Valentinos  
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

### Seminar Reminders

**9th/10th Grade Seminar Dates**  
October: 3\*, 10, 17, 24, 31  
November: 7\*, 14, 28, 5\*  
December: 12

**11th Grade Seminar Dates**  
September: 12  
October: 3\*, 17, 31  
November: 13  
December: 5\*

**12th Grade Seminar Dates**  
October: 10, 24  
November: 7\*, 27  
\*2 PM Dismissal



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# NEBRASKA College Preparatory Academy

## NCPA Tips for Success!

It's school time again! If you are a freshmen it may be challenging for you because of the new school, teachers, and people. Upperclassmen may face challenges in that they have to deal with difficult classes and more responsibilities. Despite these new changes and responsibilities there are things students can do to ensure their academic success:

### Set clear goals for each class.

The level of the difficulty and interest will determine how you set your goals. Do you need to spend at least an hour each day on class? Do you need to seek additional

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## NCPA Counselors



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## Important Dates

Event Name	Date/s	Location
NCPA Application Deadline for 8th Graders (Grand Island)	March 1, 2013	Local Middle School
Junior Shadow Day	March 7 or 8, 2013	UNL Campus
Senior Showcase and Recognition Reception	April 24, 2013	Heartland Event Center
NCPA Summer Stars (Summer School)	June 6-July 12, 2013	Grand Island Senior High
*10th Grade Camp 1 (for current 9th graders)	July 15-17, 2013	UNL Campus
*10th Grade Camp 2 (for current 9th graders)	July 18-20, 2013	UNL Campus
*11th Grade Camp 1 (for current 10th graders)	July 22-24, 2013	UNL Campus
*11th Grade Camp 2 (for current 10th graders)	July 25-27, 2013	UNL Campus
Senior Camp/ Ultimate Husker Weekend	July 30-Aug 3, 2013	UNL Campus

\*Students only need to attend one camp

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## Senior Corner

### October 1

#### Apply to Your College

It is highly encouraged to have your application completed by the end of October.

[admissions.unl.edu](http://admissions.unl.edu)

[www.mccneb.edu](http://www.mccneb.edu)

### November 15

#### Honors Application Deadline

Must apply to the University prior to accessing the Honors Program. We encourage students to apply by the Early Notification Deadline. 29 ACT or higher  
[honors.unl.edu](http://honors.unl.edu)

### February 1

#### Diversity Enhancement Scholarship Application Deadline

ALL students are encouraged to apply (must apply through MyRed account after applying to UNL).

[admissions.unl.edu/scholarships/](http://admissions.unl.edu/scholarships/)

[diversity/enhancement](http://diversity/enhancement)

### March 1

#### Susan T. Buffett Scholarship Deadline

[www.buffettscholarships.org](http://www.buffettscholarships.org)

[www.mccneb.edu/fa/scholarships.asp](http://www.mccneb.edu/fa/scholarships.asp)

### March 1

#### Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Parents, please complete taxes as soon as possible. Students need this tax information to complete the FAFSA application. ALL seniors must apply

### ACT

Go to the following website to know when testing is available.

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)



resources (e.g. homework help room)? Setting clear and concise goals will help you stay on top of your academics.

#### Be Organized

It is important that you keep track of daily assignments, test dates, and other extracurricular activities. Being organized can help ensure that you adhere to deal lines. There is nothing more stressful than finding out the night before that a paper is due the next day.

#### Have Support

Surround yourself around positive people; it can be a parent, another trusted adult, or a friend. Having someone to talk to when you need help with school or just need someone who understands the rigors of high school.

#### Focus on Learning and not Grades

Understanding school material is essential for future success. A lot of classes such as Algebra require that you understand concepts in order to be proficient in other Math classes such as Trigonometry and Calculus.

#### Have Fun in School

Focusing too much on academics is the sure way to burn out. Involve yourself in extracurricular-activities, such as clubs, sports, community service, and student government.

#### Practice Effective Time

##### Management Skills

Set a time every day that you can commit to getting your homework done and not letting anything detour you from focusing during those times. Learning to prioritize your time is also an important time management technique. For example, completing tasks in order from most important to least important will ensure that you do not miss major assignments.

These are but a few helpful tips as you adjust to a new school environment or new school challenges and responsibilities. Remember to study hard and apply yourself in all your classes but most importantly have fun and embrace all the opportunities school has to offer!

## Parent Corner

#### Parent Teacher Conferences

Please attend and meet with teachers about student progress.

#### Parent Portal

Contact Grand Island Senior High or Omaha North gain access. Parent portal allows access to grades, attendance, behavior reports, fines, etc.

## Omaha Spotlight Scholar



### Najee' Mitchell

*Which celebrity do you get mistaken for?*

Janelle Monae

*If you could paint a picture of any scenery you've seen before, what would you paint?*

The beach, I always wanted to go there one day.

*If you could be any cartoon character, who would you choose?*

Taz off of Looney Toons so I can spin in circles all day.

*What is your favorite food?*

Chicken from Popeye's.

*The best part of waking up is?*

Seeing my mom.

*When you have 30 minutes of free-time, how do you pass the time?*

I read mysteries and talk in 3rd person.

*What was the last movie, TV show or book that made you cry or tear up?*

Act Like a Woman, Think Like a Man the movie; cracks me up.

*What is something you learned in the last week?*

I learned how to manage time when it comes to homework.

*What advice would you give to your NCPA class?*

Never give up!

*How has NCPA benefited you most?*

It has made me more focused on school work, and now I have an excellent grade point average.

## Grand Island Spotlight Scholar



### Evelyn Dominguez-Cayax

You may recognize this phenomenal student from the NCPA brochure. She has been part of the National Honor Society, student council, NCPA Chancellor Ambassador Program, NCPA Peer Mentor program, church choir, and she is a youth group leader for her church. She feels one of her greatest accomplishments is being accepted into NCPA. To date, she holds nearly a perfect 4.0 grade point average, has missed less than 10 days of high school and wants to pursue a career in law or criminal justice.

*What is your favorite song right now?*

Te Equivocas by Jon Carlo because it is really inspiring.

*If you could witness any event, past, present or future, what would it be?*

When Jesus was on Earth.

*What would be the name of the autobiography of your life?*

Two Footprints on the Sand.

*What is the best gift you ever received?*

A teddy bear that is almost my height!

*What is the best part of waking up?*

Knowing that I am blessed with another day of life.

*What is your favorite part of NCPA?*

Love it all but my favorite part is how we get to bond with our classmates; it's like a second family to us.